

Landowner Incentive Program: Iowa

The James and Beth Bauer family have 190 acres in Cherokee County, Iowa. Thirty acres of the prairie ridge and timber area are enrolled in IDNR's LIP. This xeric ridge had been over-grazed in the past and was rapidly being taken over by cedar trees. Cedar tree removal was done during winter 2005-2006. The cedar tree removal area was burned spring 2006. The Bauers' commented on the "vigorous response" of the prairie to the burning. They have enjoyed taking photos of all the different blooming prairie plants through the course of the season. Their enthusiasm has generated conservation interest from other landowners in the area.



Bauer Property Prior to
Tree Shearing, 2006



Bauer Property Pre-Burn, Spring 2006



Bauer Property During Burn, Spring 2006



Bauer Property Post-Burn – Smoke Still Lingering



Bauer Property Post Burn, August 2006



Bauer prairie Beardstongue and
Prairie Ragwort have returned